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Applicant : Ario DeMARCO et al.

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Examiner : Michele K. JOIKE

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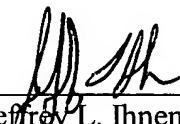
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the United States Patent
and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed 9 August 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 2-5, 7-11, 20 and 41-44 for examination. As the Examiner noted, claim 1 links Group I-IV. Thus, the claims under examination in view of this election are claims 1-5, 7-11, 20 and 41-44. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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| FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005 (Small Entity) | | Complete if Known | |
| | | Application Number | 10/500,883 |
| | | Filing Date | 5 November 2004 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Ario DeMARCO et al. |
| | | Examiner Name | Michele K. Joike |
| | | Group Art Unit | 1636 |
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2. ☐ Payment by check enclosed

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

4. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Fee Code | Fee Paid | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | [] |
| 1052 | 50 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | [] |
| 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | [] |
| 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | [] |
| 1804 | 920 | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | [] |
| 1805 | 1,840 | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action (reduced by basic filing fee paid) | [] |
| 1251 | 60 | Extension for reply within first month | [60] |
| 1252 | 225 | Extension for reply within second month | [] |
| 1253 | 510 | Extension for reply within third month | [] |
| 1254 | 795 | Extension for reply within fourth month | [] |
| 1255 | 1,080 | Extension for reply within fifth month | [] |
| 1401 | 250 | Notice of Appeal | [] |
| 1402 | 250 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | [] |
| 1403 | 500 | Request for Oral Hearing | [] |
| 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | [] |
| 1452 | 250 | Petition to revive -unavoidable | [] |
| 1453 | 750 | Petition to revive - unintentional | [] |
| 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | [] |
| 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Statement | [] |
| 1809 | 395 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | [] |
| 1810 | 395 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | [] |
| 1801 | 395 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | [] |
| 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | [] |
| 1504 | 300 | Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication | [] |
| 1505 | 300 | Publication fee for republication | [] |
| 1455 | 200 | Filing application for patent term adjustment | [] |
| 1456 | 400 | Request for reinstatement of term reduced | [] |
| 1814 | 65 | Statutory Disclaimer | [] |
| Other fee (specify) | | | [] |

FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING, SEARCH AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Code | Fee | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|------|-----|---------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 150 | Utility Filing Fee | [] |
| | 395 | filed before Dec. 8, 2004 | [] |
| 1111 | 250 | Utility Search Fee | [] |
| 1311 | 100 | Utility Examination Fee | [] |
| 1002 | 100 | Design Filing Fee | [] |
| | 175 | filed before Dec. 8, 2004 | [] |
| 1112 | 50 | Design Search Fee | [] |
| 1312 | 65 | Design Examination Fee | [] |
| 1003 | 100 | Plant Filing Fee | [] |
| | 275 | filed before Dec. 8, 2004 | [] |
| 1113 | 150 | Plant Search Fee | [] |
| 1313 | 80 | Plant Examination Fee | [] |
| 1004 | 150 | Reissue Filing Fee | [] |
| | 395 | filed before Dec. 8, 2004 | [] |
| 1114 | 250 | Reissue Search Filing Fee | [] |
| 1314 | 300 | Reissue Examination Fee | [] |
| 1005 | 100 | Provisional Filing Fee | [] |

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2. CLAIMS

| | Extra Claims | Fee | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Total Claims | [] - 20* = [] x | \$25 = [] | |
| Independent Claims | [] - 3* = [] x | 100 = [] | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | + | 180 = [] | |

*or number previously paid, if greater

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

Total Sheets [] - 100 = []/50 = []** x \$125 =

** Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof

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